

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 221 - HB 370**

February 8, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Health (DOH), within 24 hours after a state of emergency is declared due to a disease outbreak, epidemic, or pandemic, to form a committee to advise the DOH on how and when to implement quarantine and disease communication procedures. The committee is administratively attached to the DOH and members will serve without compensation. At the end of the state of emergency, the committee will cease to exist. Requires each county health department to publish on the DOH website certain information.

Deletes the provision granting the Commissioner of the DOH authorization to declare quarantine whenever the Commissioner finds the public welfare requires it. Deletes the provision granting a county health officer authorization to order quarantine of a place or person if the county health officer finds it necessary.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The committee will consist of two legislative members and five non-legislative members, for a total of seven members.
- During a state of emergency, the committee will meet weekly or more frequently; members are authorized to participate electronically.
- The legislation will apply to future state of emergency declarations.
- Due to the anticipated relative infrequency of future state of emergency declarations due to disease outbreaks, epidemics, or pandemics, and a reasonable assumption that any committee meetings during such times would meet electronically, it is estimated that any increase in state expenditures associated with the meetings will be not significant.
- The DOH and the county health departments can accommodate the proposed legislation utilizing existing resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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